

--Cross-reference to related applications

Al This is a national phase (35 U.S.C. § 371) of PCT/US98/14775, filed July 16, 1998, which is a continuation-in-part of Serial No. 08/895,918, filed July 17, 1997, now United States Patent No. 6,001,437. --

**CLAIMS**

✓ Cancel claims 1-9, 20, 21, 28-34, and 37-40.

A2 52. (amended) A composite structure comprising a substrate, the substrate being formed at least in part of a polyolefin, and a mesh fabric treated with an active thermal protective material, the thermal protective material being selected from the group consisting of subliming and intumescent materials, the treated mesh fabric having from 0.5 to 30 openings per square centimeter, the [resin] substrate adhering chemically and mechanically to the pretreated mesh fabric.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-9, 20, 21, 28-34, and 37-40 have been cancelled by this preliminary amendment. Corresponding claims have been issued in the parent case, now United States Patent 6,001,437. Malkit S. Deogon is not an inventor of any of the remaining claims. He has therefore been removed. A petition, \$130 fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i)), and consent of assignee are all attached hereto. If the petition is unnecessary, it is requested that the fee be refunded to account no. 16-2201.

Claims 10-19, 22-27, 35-36, and 41-53 are presently pending in this application.

In the Preliminary Examination Report, claims 25-27, and 41-48 have been indicated as meeting all criteria of the PCT. It is therefore believed that these claims should be allowable.